connections from Kabithirtha Churulia under Asansol Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether it is a fact that Nazrul Academy have offered a room for the proposed Telephone Exchange;

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) by when those people are likely to get the connections?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD'VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A new telephone exchange has been planned to be opened at Churulia during 1997-98. On commissioning of this exchange, the people of this area are likely to get connections.

Handing over the Lands of Kandla Port Back to Gujarat

2044. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Gujarat for handing over some lands of Kandla Port back to the State Government;

(b) whether Government are intending to hand over the proposed land to the Gujarat Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had requested for transfer of Gandhidham Township and adjacent lands three years ago.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The proposal has not been accepted as the land is required for the future development of the Kandla Port.

संयुक्त उद्यम के अंतर्गत सुपर राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का निर्माण

2045. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलंकी: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में संयुक्त उद्यम के अंतर्गत सुपर राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का निर्माण करने के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित की हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजनार्थ कुल कितने पूंजीगत निवेश की आवश्यकता होगी तथा यह धनराशि किन-किन स्त्रोतों से प्राप्त होगी?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी.जी. वेंकटरामन): (क) से (ग) भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण ने केन्द्र सरकार की ओर से देश में सुपर राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के प्रस्तावित 33 खण्डों हेतु व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन करने के लिए विश्वव्यापी निविदाएं आमंत्रित की थी। तथापि, भूमि अधिग्रहण के लिए निधियों के अभाव के कारण इस स्कीम को जारी रखना संभव नहीं हुआ है।

Area of Tadepalligudem Aerodrome

2046. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the specified area of Tadepalligudem Aerodrome in West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the land being utilised for this purpose as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) The specified area of Tadepalligudem Aerodrome in West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh which is an abandoned airfield is 653.41 acres. The entire land has been transferred to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in July/August, 1987.

Godowns for storage of Cotton Bales

2047. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government propose to provide and assist up-to-date godowns, as required in the present circumstance according to world standard for storage of cotton bales?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): The Central Warehousing Corporation and the State ware housing Corporations have godowns for storage of different commodities, including cotton bales.